

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for determining ~~and enforcing~~ security policy ~~in a communication session~~ for a group of participants, the method comprising:

providing group and local policies ~~wherein each local policy states a set of local requirements for the session for a participant and the group policy represents a set of conditional, security-relevant requirements to support the session~~ wherein the policies specify requirements;

generating a policy instance that applies to the group based on the group and local policies wherein the policy instance defines a configuration of ~~security-related~~ services used to implement ~~[[the]] a session and rules used for authorization and access control of participants to the session;~~

analyzing the policy instance with respect to a set of correctness principles;

distributing the policy instance to the participants; and

~~enforcing the security policy based on the rules throughout the session.~~

verifying that the policy instance complies with the policies.

2. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim ~~[[1]]~~ 28 wherein the step of distributing includes the steps of authorizing a potential participant to participate in the session based on the rules and determining whether the potential participant has a right to view the security policy.

3. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the step of analyzing verifies that the policy instance adheres to a set of principles defining legal construction and composition of the security policy.

4. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the step of generating includes the step of reconciling the group and local policies to obtain the policy

instance which is substantially compliant with each of the local policies and wherein the policy instance identifies relevant requirements of the session and how the relevant requirements are mapped into the configuration.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim [[5]] 1 further comprising identifying parts of a local policy that are not compliant with the policy instance and determining modifications required to make the local policy compliant with the policy instance.

7. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim [[5]] 1 further comprising preventing a potential participant from participating in the session if the policy instance does not comply with the set of local requirements of the potential participant.

8. (Currently Amended) The method as claimed in claim [[1]] 25 wherein the step of enforcing includes the steps of creating and processing events.

9. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the step of enforcing includes delivering the events to security services via a real or software-emulated broadcast bus.

10. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the step of creating events includes the step of translating application requests into the events.

11. (Original) The method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the step of enforcing further includes the steps of creating and processing timers and messages.

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Currently Amended) A system for determining ~~and enforcing~~ security policy ~~in a communication session~~ for a group of participants based on group and local policies wherein ~~each local policy states a set of local requirements for the session for a participant and the group policy represents a set of conditional, security-relevant requirements to support the session~~ the group and local policies specify requirements that apply to the group, the system comprising:

means for generating a policy instance based on the group and local policies wherein the policy instance defines a configuration of ~~security-related~~ services used to implement the session and rules used for authorization and access control of participants to the session;

means for analyzing the policy instance with respect to a set of correctness principles;

means for distributing the policy instance to the participants; and

~~means for enforcing the security policy based on the rules throughout the session.~~

means for verifying that the policy instance complies with the policies.

14. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 13 wherein the means for distributing includes means for authorizing a potential participant to participate in the session based on the rules and determining whether the potential participant has a right to view the security policy.

15. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 13 wherein the means for analyzing verifies that the policy instance adheres to a set of principles defining legal construction and composition of the security policy.

16. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 13 wherein the means for generating includes means for reconciling the group and local policies to obtain the policy instance which is substantially compliant with each of the local policies and wherein the policy

instance identifies relevant requirements of the session and how the relevant requirements are mapped into the configuration.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim ~~[[17]]~~ 13 further comprising means for identifying parts of a local policy that are not compliant with the policy instance and determining modifications required to make the local policy compliant with the policy instance.

19. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim ~~[[17]]~~ 13 further comprising means for preventing a potential participant from participating in the session if the policy instance does not comply with the set of local requirements of the potential participant.

20. (Currently Amended) The system as claimed in claim ~~[[13]]~~ 29 wherein the means for enforcing includes means for creating and processing events.

21. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 20 wherein the means for enforcing includes a real or software-emulated broadcast bus to deliver the events to security services.

22. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 20 wherein the means for creating events includes means for translating application requests into the events.

23. (Original) The system as claimed in claim 20 wherein the means for enforcing further includes means for creating and processing timers and messages.

24. (Cancelled).

25. (New) The method as claimed in claim 28 further comprising enforcing the security policy based on the rules throughout the session.

26. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the requirements include an access control requirement that gives an action, a condition on the action in which the control requirement applies, and determines whether the action should be permitted.

27. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the requirements include a provisioning requirement that provides a condition in which the provisioning requirement applies and an acceptable configuration alternative under the condition.

28. (New) The method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the policy instance further defines rules used for authorization and access control of participants to the session.

29. (New) The system as claimed in claim 13 further comprising means for enforcing the security policy based on the rules throughout the session.

30. (New) The system as claimed in claim 13 wherein the requirements include an access control requirement that gives an action, a condition on the action in which the control requirement applies, and determines whether the action should be permitted.

31. (New) The system as claimed in claim 13 wherein the requirements include a provisioning requirement that provides a condition in which the provisioning requirement applies and an acceptable configuration alternative under the condition.